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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 14, 2005, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. Submitted herewith is a request for a two-month extension of time, which extends the period of reply to and including June 14, 2005. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121, the present amendment is submitted in separate sections as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims, presented as a **Listing of Claims**, begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

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